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Attention: Ms. Tashia Clemons

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 90 Seventh Street, Suite 15-300 San Francisco, CA 94103-6701

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Clemons and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits Amendment No. 34 to the Rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area portion of the California 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment modifies the funding of two existing grouped project listings totaling \$36.3 million. The programming changes to the State element are:

Various Counties:

Proj #1: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0029, Grouped Projects for Emergency Repair – State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Emergency Response – increases the funding by \$17.4 million in various fiscal years (FY) and revises the detailed backup listing of projects.

Proj #2: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0320, Grouped Projects for SHOPP Minor Program – increases the funding by \$18.9 million in FY 16/17 and revises the detailed backup listing of projects.

Documentation associated with this amendment include summary of changes, project documentation, and updated financial summary. This amendment was posted for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days that commenced on July 7, 2016 and ended on July 21, 2016 as required by FSTIP public participation plan. No comments were received during the public review period. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also included as part of Attachment 1, Summary of Changes and Project Details. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2015 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in Attachment 2, Financial Summary Tables.

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Based upon correspondence from the Federal Highway Administration FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve this FSTIP Amendment No. 34 for inclusion into California's FSTIP. I am also recommending that the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this amendment. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please contact Lilibeth Green at (916) 654-3521 or <u>Lilibeth.Green@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Attachments

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